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Weekly Summer Flounder Quota Report (No. 03)

summer Flounder Landings (pounds) for 2000.

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 22-JAN-00	Period	2000 Quotas	Percent Landed
			Cumulative Total (to date)		
ME	0	0	980		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	0	0	0		
RI	-122,495	49,128	147,446		
CT	0	3,456	11,774		
NY	10,685	7,668	40,408		
NJ	-13,810	717	977,406		
DE	0	0	0		
MD	0	0	3,734		
VA	53,356	159,257	484,899		
NC	440	40,806	489,747		
TOTAL	-71,824	261,032	2,156,394		

Notes:

This report includes summer flounder landings from the week ending January 1, 2000, therefore, some landings may be from the 1999 Quota Period. These landings will be separated into their respective quota periods at a later date, at which time the landings data for each quota period will be adjusted accordingly.

Proposed specifications for the 2000 summer flounder Federal Quotas by state have not been published as a final rule. When they are finalized, they will be included in this report.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **22-JAN-00**, 233 dealers held a federal summer flounder permit. Of those 233 dealers, 165 (71%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary. Data supplied by the State of Massachusetts are as of December 18, 1999.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Summer Flounder (Year 2000 Quota Period)

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts				Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island		Effective 1201 hrs on 12/29/99, the possession limit for summer flounder will be 1,000 lbs until further notice.		April Valliere 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut		Effective at 0001 hrs on Saturday, 1/15/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder (fluke) taken from CT waters or landed in this state, regardless where taken, is increased to 1,500 lbs per trip or per day, whichever is the longer period of time.		Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York		Beginning at 0001 hrs on 1/1/2000, the trip limit will be 500 lbs.		John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey		Effective 1801 hrs, 1/14/2000, no vessel shall land or possess any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 200 pounds through 2/29/2000 or until such time as the fall by-catch quota is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten (10) percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.		Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782

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Maryland		2,000 lbs for vessels with Maryland summer flounder landing permit.	For vessels without a Maryland summer flounder landing permit, 200 lbs from the Atlantic Coast and 100 lbs from the Chesapeake Bay.	Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia		Effective 0001 hrs on Tuesday, 1/04/2000, the First Quarter of the Virginia offshore Summer Flounder fishery will open. The possession limit is 5,000 lbs.		Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina				Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021